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**A PERSONAL NOTE:** If anyone wants information in HA, please email me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else...This newsletter is going out early so you can have the updates for the convention.

**SECOND REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY:** Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The Third Supplement to the 2nd Revised Ultimate History is now available for \$6.50 including P&H. All 3 supplements are \$16.50 including P&H. Any 2 are \$11.50 including P&H

The 2001 "2nd Revised Ultimate History" with the first, second and third supplement is \$63 including P&H. Please send new information when you can, the earlier the better. I will need the information by October 1, 2005. I am revising the entire book. It will be the 3rd revised History.

**CONVENTION 2005:** This is our 30th convention. Dates are Oct 20 – 23, 2005 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note new web site: <<http://www.fotr.net>>

**CONVENTION 2004:** 2004 Convention booklets are available for \$3.00 including P&H. There are many guests bios and pictures. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$5 including P&H. Past Convention Booklets are \$3.00 each including P&H.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Production, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. Email: [fsberney@verizon.net](mailto:fsberney@verizon.net).

**PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:** A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, email me for it and I will email it to you. If you don't have email, please send me a SASE for it...**On the Air**, Apr - Jun; article by Arthur Anderson; about Don McNeill's Breakfast Club; Breakfast in Hollywood...**Tradition**, Jul – Aug; articles about Jack Clement; Margo Smith; Porter Wagoner...**Return with us Now**, Aug; article about Radio Detectives...Sep; article about Jack Benny...**The Jot 'em Down Journal**, Summer; 70 years ago with Lum and Abner...**Radio Recall**, August; articles about the Howie wing transcription, part 3; Rating OTR on satellite Radio; Shakespeare on Radio...**Radiogram**; August; articles about Frances Langford; The Radio and Television Museum of the History Society (in Bowie, MD); The Missing Johnny Dollar episode...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, Jul – Aug; article about WDOD, Part 2...**Old Time Radio Digest**, Summer; article about private eyes...**The Jack Benny Times**; Sep – Dec; interview with Frank Nelson

**BOOKS:** (Most books can also be purchased at <[www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/](http://www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/)>, <[Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)> or <[Barnesandnoble.com](http://Barnesandnoble.com)>. **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571... From the expert, **Elizabeth McLeod, "The Original Amos 'n' Andy: Freeman Gosden, Charles Correll and the 1928 - 1943 radio Serial"**; 223 pages; McFarland ([mcfarlandpub.com](http://mcfarlandpub.com)) or 1-800-253-2187; 2005; \$45.00; Everything you could possibly want to know.

### **CONVENTIONS:**

**30th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival**, Aug 29 – Sep 4, 2005 at Harrison County Fairgrounds in Missouri Valley, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 492, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363 <[bobeverhart@yahoo.com](mailto:bobeverhart@yahoo.com)>

**30th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention**, Oct 20 – 23, 2005 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <[JayHick@aol.com](mailto:JayHick@aol.com)> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>

**20th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention**, April 21 – 22, 2006; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (888-477-9112) <[haradio@hotmail.com](mailto:haradio@hotmail.com)>

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**CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS** (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr.,

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**All listings below list sampling of shows.** **AVPRO**; Fall, 2005; Tales of Texas Rangers; the Whistler; Casey, Crime Photographer.

**IN FOND MEMORY:** **Geraldine Fitzgerald**, Jul 17, 91; on many anthology shows including Suspense...**James Doohan**, Jul 20, 85; Best know on Star Trek; on Canadian Radio...**Blue Barron**, Jul 21, 91; band Leader; was on radio...**Danny Simon**, Jul 26, 86; TV and radio writer and teacher (Phil Silvers, Milton Berle)...**Myron Floren**, Jul 21, 85; Accordionist and leader for Lawrence Welk...**Robert Wright**, Jul 27, 90; composer...**Pat McCormick**, Jul 29, 78; comedian and writer (wrote and voiced commercials)...**Hildegard**, Jul 29, 99; Singer (Raleigh Room; Beat the Band) attended one of our conventions...**Gary Belkin**, Jul 28, 79; comedy writer (Ted Brown, New York)...**Peter Jennings**, Aug 7, 67; Newscaster...**Barbara Bel Geddes**, Aug 8, 82; actress; on several anthology shows

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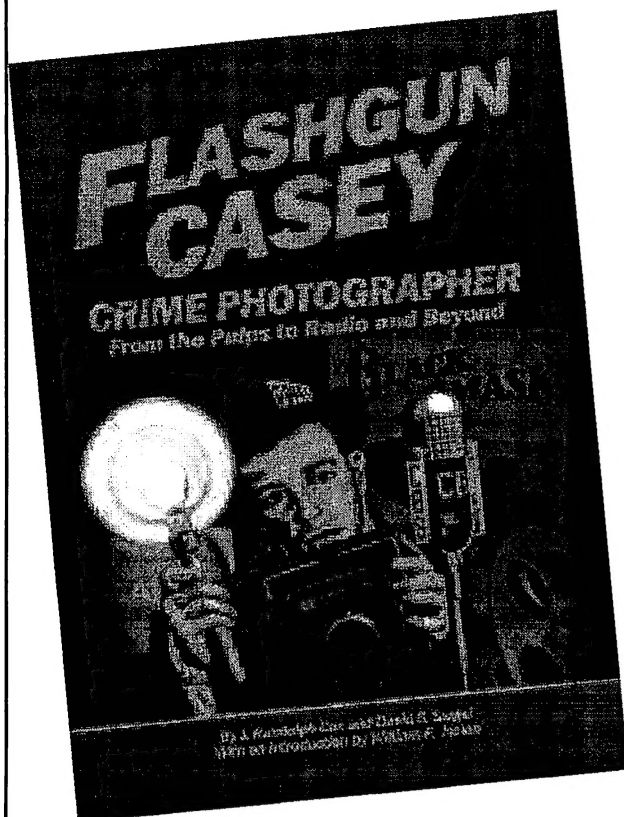
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## CONVENTION 2005: UPDATE # 2

October 20 – 23, 2005

### General Information

All information about **Seating, Ads, Registration, Rooms** are on the first update that came with the flyer. **Please preregister.** Those coming for the day will save \$5 a day by preregistering. Also, if you are coming for the day only, you will not have to stand in line and fill out a registration card if you preregister. Don't forget the package prices. ...Remember: **Those people paying for the day must pay an extra \$10 if they want to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres.** The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only.

If you wish to stay for the re-creations at night and you do not stay for dinner, the cost is \$20.

### Guest Changes

**Additional Guests:** Beverly Washburn, Darlene Tompkins, Al Markim, Bill Herz and Ruth Last  
**Not coming:** Tommy Cook, Peggy Webber, Jay Siegel

### Dealers

There are a few tables left.

### Workshops and Re-creations

The complete schedule as of September 7th is enclosed. Re-creation, workshop and panel leaders please take notice. Please make sure that all your participants are aware of the times for rehearsals and performances. If you need anything special, please let me know. If your people need rides, make sure Bill Nadel knows what time they have to be at the convention. He should be called by October 1st (212) 724-0763.

### Raffle

There will be a raffle on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. If you would like to donate prizes, please let me know. We depend on the money received from the raffle and the sale of books, records, tapes, t-shirts and pins at the FOTR table to help pay for the many guests we have at our convention. We also will have tote bags and mugs for sale.

Also, for our 30th, we will have a special 30th anniversary DVD and VHS for sale. This was made by the Berneys and has excerpts of previous conventions.

### Books

Books on sale at the convention as of now follow. If authors are tentatively coming, they are marked by an asterisk (\*): Some authors will have their own tables; "Laughs, Luck and Lucy" by Jess and \*Gregg Oppenheimer; "Speaking of Radio" by \*Chuck Schaden; "The Lost One", Story of Peter Lorre; by Stephen Youngkin; "Flashgun Casey, Crime Photographer" by \*J Randolph Cox and \*David Siegel; there will be 11 books from McFarland: "Wizard of Oz Catalog" "Music Radio" "From Edison to Marconi" "The Original Amos 'n' Andy" "Doris Day" "Mickey Rooney" "Jeff Chandler" "Mercedes McCambridge" "Walter B Gibson, The Shadow" "Sound Effects" "Radio's Captain Midnight;" The last 3 are paperbacks of previously published books; so far authors of these books attending are Elizabeth McLeod, Ron Lackmann, Bob Mott

My Third Revised Ultimate History will be for sale. There will be much new information in it.

### Hotel

Don't forget to reserve your rooms quickly. They may very soon be all sold out. Call the Holiday Inn-North directly during business hours for reservations (1-973-589-1000) or (1-973-854-7817) and ask for Isabel. Also call the 800 numbers for Howard Johnson and the Sheraton for the best prices.

A tentative schedule Follows (As of September 10th)

**Wednesday:** Dealers tables and possibly sound equipment set up at night  
Complimentary Wine and cheese from 6 pm to 10 pm.

**Thursday:** The sound equipment and the stage will be set up. Dealers will be open at 9 am.

1:15 – 2:15	Bob Mott Sounds off
2:30 – 3:15	Eddie Cantor in Cartoons (B Gari, D Tague)
3:30 – 4:15	Jean Shepherd (M Schmid with Author Eugene Bergmann))
4:30 – 5:30	Tom Powers reading "Buck Rogers"

5:30 – 8:00 Cocktails and Dinner; raffle  
 8:00 – 8:45 Original re-creation (**Lone Ranger**) (Rehearsal 4:00 – 5:30 pm; reading 2:45 – 3:45 pm) (A Anderson)  
 9:00 – 9:20 Light of the World with Lynne Rogers (B Nadel) (Rehearsal (3:00 - 4:00; reading 1:45 – 2:30 pm)  
 9:30 – 10:00 Tom Corbett with Frank Thomas and Al Markim (A Tollin)  
 10:00 – 10:30 Those Were the Days Radio Players present “Damon Runyon Theater” (A Piece of the Pie)... (Rehearsal  
 1:30 – 3:00; Reading 12:00 - 1:00)

#### Friday Morning and Afternoon

9:00 – 9:45 Game Show with Fred Berney  
 10:00 – 10:45 George Downes presents “Children’s Radio and TV shows” with Special Guests  
 11:00 – 11:45 (To Be decided)  
 12:00 – 12:45 Jack French; History of Syndicated Shows  
 1:00 – 1:45 One on One with Shirley Bell (C Schaden)  
 2:00 – 2:45 One on One with Simon Jones (Steve Lewis)  
 3:00 - 4:30 Radio Comedians (Kathy O’Connell; Derek Tague) with guests; those being considered are: Mickey  
 Freeman; Larry Storch; Soupy Sales; others  
 4:45 – 5:30 (Re-creation) Dave Warren Players; (A Date with Judy); (Rehearsal 3:00 – 4:30; reading 1:30 – 2:30) (B  
 Watkins)

#### Friday Evening

5:30 – 7:45 Cocktails and Dinner, raffle  
 8:00 – 8:45 (Re-creation) **Don Ramlow Directs (“Mr. and Mrs. North”)**; (Rehearsal 11:00 am – 12:30 pm; Reading  
 9:30 – 10:30 am)  
 9:00 – 9:30 Re-creation; Superman with Noel Neill (A Tollin) (Rehearsal; 12:30 - 1:30)  
 9:45 – 10:30 Re-creation; The Shadow (A Tollin) (Rehearsal 1:30 – 3:00; Reading 10:30 – 12 noon for both))

#### Saturday Morning and Afternoon

9:00 – 10:00 “Nathaniel Shilkret Radio Broadcasts Rediscovered” by Niel Shell, grandson

10:15 – 11:45 Jimmy Lydon Presents: a special about Fox Movietone News; the world from 1903 to 1963; Sutton  
 Room. Both of these are in the Sutton Room

9:00 – 9:45 30th anniversary show (J Webb, S Weiss, L Palmer, G Yoggy, B Burchett, D Siegel, A Tollin, J Hickerson,  
 others)  
 10:00 – 10:45 Elizabeth McLeod and Amos ‘n’ Andy  
 11:00 – 11:45 Salute to Orson Welles ( G Yoggy)  
 12:00 – 12:45 Re-creation; Gotham Players; with Simon Jones; “Frontier Gentleman” (Rehearsal 10:30 – 11:45)  
 (Reading 9 - 10 am)  
 1:00 – 1:45 Gregg Oppenheimer remembers Lucille Ball  
 2:00 – 2:45 The Joe Franklin show (Joe Franklin with director of TV show, Bob Diamond; Paul O’Keefe, Michael  
 Gwynne, Susan Gordon, others to be announced)  
 3:00 – 4:30 Singers, musicians and Big Bands, 9th annual (Stu Weiss and Brian Gari) with possible guests; Sonny  
 Curtis; Susan Gordon; Paul O’Keefe, Irving Fields  
 4:45 – 5:30 Re-creation: **Dr. Christian** (Rehearsal 3:30 – 4:45; Reading 2:00 – 3:00 pm ) (with special taped  
 introduction by Earl Hamner, Jr.)

#### Saturday Evening

5:30 – 8:00 Cocktails and Dinner, raffle, awards,  
 8:15 – 9:00 (Re-creation) **the Halls of Ivy (G Yoggy)** (Rehearsal 2:15 – 3:30; Reading 12:45 - 1:45)  
 9:15 – 9:45 Ethel and Albert (Peg Lynch and Arthur Anderson)  
 10:00 – 10:30 (Re-creation) **The Plot to Overthrow Christmas** (A Anderson) (Rehearsal 1:00 – 2:15; Reading 11:30 –  
 12:30)

#### Sunday Morning

7:00 - 9:30 Breakfast in the restaurant  
 9:30 – 11:00 Informal Panel in the Dresden Room  
 11:00 – 12:00 noon Special meeting of committee to discuss next year.

Please keep in touch. I will be at the Holiday Inn on Wednesday, October 19 around 12 noon

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